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Response to Office Action

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2001 in the above-referenced application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the subject application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A petition for extension of time and the appropriate fees accompany this Response.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 37 and 67 without prejudice to subsequent renewal or future prosecution. Please amend claims 1 and 36 as follows. A clean version of all claims under examination is shown in the attached Appendix.

1. (Amended) A method for diagnosing, or determining a predisposition to developing, an arterial wall disruptive disorder in a subject, comprising:

perform a radiological or anatomically targeted procedure on the subject to detect a symptom indicative of arterial wall disruptive disorder;